

### Joyce Sutphen Biography:

Joyce Sutphen grew up on a farm near St. Joseph, Minnesota and currently lives in Chaska, Minnesota. She has degrees from the University of Minnesota, including a Masters in English (emphasis in writing) and a Ph. D. in Renaissance Drama. She teaches literature and creative writing at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota and has also taught writing at the Split Rock Arts Program, at Northern Michigan University, and in London and Northern Ireland.

Her first book, *Straight Out of View*, won the Barnard New Women's Poets Prize (Beacon Press, 1995, republished by Holy Cow! Press in 2001). *Coming Back to the Body* (Holy Cow! Press, 2000) was a finalist for a Minnesota Book Award, and *Naming the Stars* (Holy Cow! Press 2004), won a Minnesota Book Award in Poetry. In 2005, Red Dragonfly Press published *Fourteen Sonnets* in a letterpress edition, and in 2006 she co-edited *To Sing Along the Way*, an award-winning anthology of Minnesota Women Poets from the Territorial Days to the Present (New Rivers Press). Her fourth volume of poetry, *First Words*, was published in 2010 by Red Dragonfly Press.

Joyce Sutphen has published in *Poetry*, *The Gettysburg Review*, *Water~Stone Review*, *Great River Review*, and many other journals. Her poems appear on *The Writer's Almanac*, and she has been a guest on *A Prairie Home Companion*, hosted by Garrison Keillor.